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Applicants: Richard W. Citta, et al.

Serial No.: 10/650,179

For: **HOST ELIMINATING
EQUALIZER**

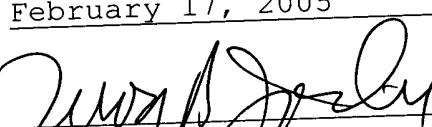
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INTRODUCTION

Claims 1-6, 9, 14-16, and 45-57 are now in the application. Claims 1-6, 9, 14-16, and 45-51 are rejected on the basis of double patenting. Claims 52-57 are new.

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

No additional fee is required.

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CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	(2) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		(4) HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	(5) PRESENT EXTRA	(6) RATE	(7) ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	23	MINUS	20	3	() X 25.00 (X) X 50.00	\$150.00
INDEP. CLAIMS	2	MINUS	3	0	() X 100.00 () X 200.00	\$0.00
Application amended to contain any multiple dependent claims not previously paid for.				() YES () NO	() \$135.00 () \$270.00 ONE TIME	
				TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT		\$150.00

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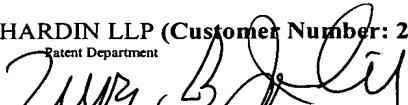
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